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VORONEZH, USSR

1. THIS INSTALLATION WAS FIRST OBSERVED ON [REDACTED] AT THAT TIME IT CONSISTED OF A SECURED AREA CONTAINING 1 LARGE BUILDING WITH 2 PROBABLE HORIZONTAL FIRING BAYS AND SEVERAL OTHER SMALL MISCELLANEOUS BUILDINGS. CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY WAS OBSERVED IMMEDIATELY OUTSIDE THE SECURED AREA.
2. SEVENTEEN SUBSEQUENT KH MISSIONS REVEALED THAT BY APR 62, THE FACILITY HAD BEEN ENLARGED TO THE SOUTH AND THAT ADDITIONAL CONSTRUCTION HAD TAKEN PLACE. THIS WAS THE FIRST EVIDENCE THAT VERTICAL TEST FACILITIES WERE UNDER CONSTRUCTION. CONTINUED EXPANSION AND CONSTRUCTION WAS EVIDENT THROUGHOUT 1962 AND 1963. IN DEC 63, A POSSIBLE VERTICAL TEST STAND AND A LARGE BUILDING WERE VISIBLE IN THE NEWLY ENLARGED SOUTHERN PORTION OF THE FACILITY; 2 NEW HORIZONTAL TEST CELLS WERE DISCERNIBLE IN THE ORIGINAL TEST AREA; AND RAIL FACILITIES TO SERVE THE INSTALLATION WERE UNDER CONSTRUCTION. JUNE 64 PHOTOGRAPHY CONFIRMED THE EXISTENCE OF A LARGE VERTICAL TEST STAND AND ASSOCIATED CONTROL AND CHECKOUT BUILDING UNDER CONSTRUCTION IN THE SOUTHERN PORTION OF THE FACILITY. NEW CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY WAS OBSERVED

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NORTHWEST OF THE TEST STAND AND, BY SEP 64, COULD BE IDENTIFIED AS A SECOND VERTICAL TEST STAND UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

3. BLAST SCARS WHICH INDICATED OPERATIONAL ACTIVITY HAVE BEEN OBSERVED ON ONLY 2 OCCASIONS SINCE 1960: IN DEC 63, 2 HORIZONTAL TEST CELLS HAD BEEN ACTIVE; AND IN MAR 65, 3 HORIZONTAL TEST CELLS HAD BEEN ACTIVE. THE TEST CELLS IN THE ORIGINAL TEST BUILDING WERE BELIEVED TO BE OPERATIONAL IN 1960.
4. THIS MISSION REVEALS THAT EVIDENCE OF RECENT TEST ACTIVITY AT TEST STAND NO 1 NOW CONFIRMS THIS STAND AS OPERATIONAL. CONSTRUCTION CONTINUES AT TEST STAND NO 2 WHICH NOW APPEARS TO BE OF AN UNUSUAL CONFIGURATION. A POSSIBLE TEST SITE IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION IMMEDIATELY SE OF TEST STAND NO 1. A PROBABLE PROPELLANT PREPARATION AREA IS NOW IDENTIFIED IN THE NE CORNER OF THE FACILITY AND CONTINUED CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY IS OBSERVED NEARBY.

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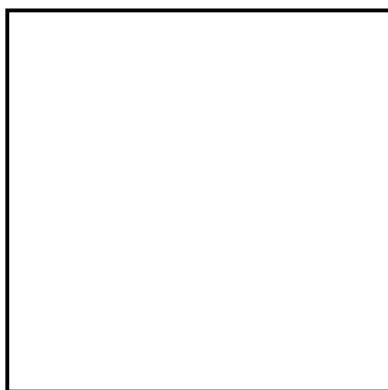
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